

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 13, 2009. Claims 3, 6, and 12 are in the application, all of which are independent. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 to 11, and 13 to 25 have been cancelled without prejudice. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to for including reference numbers not mentioned in the description. This matter has been attended to by the amendments made to the specification.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 3, 6, and 12. In keeping with this indication, Claims 3, 6, and 12 have been rewritten in independent form. The other changes made to these claims are not believed to affect their allowability. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 3, 6, and 12 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 to 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,750,346 (Bridgham). Claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,322,971 (Chetverin). These rejections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the cancellation of Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 to 11, and 13 to 25.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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